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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

LAKEWOOD, N. J.,

CONTAINING

HISTORICAL SKETCH,

CATALOGUE OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS,

UP TO THE YEAR 1888.

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HISTORICAL SKETCH.

At the close of the Civil War, Rev. Alfred H. Dashiell who was Chaplain of the Fifty-seventh Massachusetts Infantry and formerly Pastor of the Congregational Church, Stockbridge, Mass., was induced by the founders of the village of Lakewood (then Bricksburg) to undertake the organization of a Presbyterian Church in that place. The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church duly commissioned him as their missionary and Mr. Dashiell removed to Lakewood and began his work on the last Sabbath of April, 1867. Before his coming, there had been Episcopal service in the Chapel owned by the Land Company and preaching once or twice a month by the Methodists in a little frame building on the other side of the Lake, but

few of the children had any religious instruction and the Sabbath was scarcely honored.

The Chapel (the present Baptist Church) was given to Mr. Dashiell in which to hold religious service until such time as the congregation to be gathered should be able to build a sanctuary for themselves.

There were no Presbyterians residing in the village, and not more than four families resident in what is now Lakewood, although there were numerous families living in what was called Bergen and were operatives in the employ of the Bergen Iron Works.

A Sabbath School was organized and soon numbered over one hundred scholars.

Soon population began to flow in, and in less than a year members sufficient to organize a church. At a meeting held on February 10th, 1868, it was resolved to apply to the Presbytery of Newark, and a petition signed by sixteen persons was presented to the Presbytery, asking for a church organization. The Presbytery granted the petition and sent a commission to effect the object.

The Commission met on the 28th day of April, 1868, and received the letters and examined the candidates who applied for admission to the church, and proceeded to the organization.

Rev. Robert Aikman, D.D., of Madison, preached the sermon from I Tim., 3:15—"The church of the Living God; the

pillar and ground of the truth." The corporate members were Samuel H. Turner, Joanna A. Turner, Benjamin R. Smith, Elizabeth B. Smith, Frederic H. Jones, Maria R. Jones, Eben Mason, Martha S. Mason, Susan E. Dashiell, John N. Turner, Mary Ann Currie, Emma Langdon, Mary E. Langdon, E. H. Fosdick, Harriet A. Fosdick, Joseph W. Langdon, W. Bond Dashiell, Nathan C. Whiting, and Mary S. Whiting.

Samuel H. Turner, Frederic H. Jones and Nathan C. Whiting were elected Ruling Elders and were duly ordained and installed. Rev. James P. Wilson, D.D., of Newark, gave to them the charge.

The Church thus organized began its work with increasing congregations and an enlarged membership, and soon began to agitate the erection of a church edifice.

Four lots on the corner of Clifton avenue and Third street were given by the Land Company, and efforts were made to secure funds for the building. Liberal subscriptions were made by members of the Church and congregation and by friends in New York and Stockbridge, Mass., and the Pastor at a meeting of the Trustees, held July 30th, 1869, reported that he had obtained subscriptions amounting to six thousand dollars. Afterwards the Presbytery of Newark pledged two thousand dollars, and the Board of Church Erection agreed to pay one thousand dollars to complete the Church without debt. A plan was obtained for the church edifice with a chapel appended in the rear

of it. The funds not being sufficient to complete the whole, it was resolved to erect the whole structure but to finish only the chapel for immediate use. The chapel was completed and furnished by the ladies at an expense of several hundred dollars, and the first service was held in it on the first Sabbath of October, 1870, when it was formally dedicated to the service of the Truine God, Dr. Dashiell, the father of the Pastor, preaching the sermon.

The building and furniture cost nearly ten thousand dollars, and, as was supposed, was finished without any debt, but a claim was afterwards pressed, and compromised by the congregation paying five hundred dollars. The bell in the church tower was procured by subscriptions in 1871, and cost $431.50, which was an offering to commemorate the Reunion of the Presbyterian Church, accomplished in that year.

The Church, thus securely housed, addressed themselves assiduously to their appropriate work. At first it was the only church in the village, and embraced evangelical Christians of every name, in its worshiping assemblies. But soon as the village began to grow, the congregation was depleted by successive withdrawals—first, to the formation of a Baptist Church, and after that a Methodist, and last of all an Episcopal Church.

Seasons of *special* religious interest have been enjoyed at intervals, and a marked revival occurred in 1876, when eighteen persons were received on profession of their faith. The whole

number received from the world up to this time has been eighty-eight.

For the first twelve years the church passed through great trials, owing to the financial embarrassment of the community. Stoppage of industries obliged many of its members to remove in order to seek a living elsewhere, and thus crippled those who remained, so that it was with great difficulty and sacrifices that the ordinances were maintained, both on the part of the people and their minister.

In 1881 the Land Company changed hands, and the new proprietors set themselves to retrieve the prosperity of the village. The people received a new impulse, industrial interests revived, and the congregation gained such an accession of strength that it ceased to require aid from the Board of Home Missions and assumed self-support. Soon it began to appear that the chapel was insufficient to afford room for the increasing congregation, and steps were taken to complete the audito rium of the main church edifice.

Through the liberal aid of Mr. S. D. Davis and his and the Pastor's efforts among their friends, and such help as the congregation was able to give, sufficient money was raised to finish the interior of the church as well as to improve and paint the exterior.

With great joy the congregation entered their beautiful house on the 18th of February, 1884, when it was dedicated to the ser-

vice of Almighty God. Rev. John Hall, D.D., of New York, preached the sermon from Collossians 1:18. The prayer of dedication was offered by Rev. E. B. Hodge, of Burlington. The Pastor gave an historical sketch of the church. Two of the hymns sung were written for the occasion and well deserve a place in this sketch. The Hymn of Invocation was written by the well-known authoress, Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney, and is as follows:

To God the Father, in the height
As children living in His light
We build; O, Lord, descend with grace,
And tabernacle in the place.

To Christ, the Son whose love did make
His flesh a temple for our sake,
We build; Lord give us here to see
The face of Thy humanity!

Unto the Spirit, whom in vain
The Heaven of Heavens could quite contain
We build; O, Lord, Thy presence pour
And dwell with us forevermore.

The other hymn was written by Mrs. Prof. H. B. Smith:

Thy people, Lord, have waited long
With strong desire this day to see,
And now we come with thankful song,
And bring our finished work to Thee.

Behold! each heart before Thee waits
Thy presence and Thy smiles to win;

We lift on high our temple gates,
O, King of Glory, enter in!
Come, our dear Lord and King, draw near,
Show us the beauty of Thy face.
Speak, Lord, Thy servants wait to hear
Thy will, Thy words of truth and grace!
Enter, abide, dwell with us here,
That this the holy house may be
Where week by week and year by year
Thou'lt sup with us, and we with Thee!
Thou'rt Master of the house and feast,
And in Thy name, at Thy behest,
The vilest, saddest, neediest, least,
Shall be most welcome as Thy guest.
Yea, here abide, O, Christ, our King,
And shine before our raptured gaze,
So, while they stand, these walls shall ring
With prayer and worship, love and praise.

The architect who designed the improvements and decorations oi the church was Mr. H. Edwards Ficken, of New York, whose services were rendered without charge. The cost of the completion of the church was a little less than seven thousand dollars, all of which was paid before the dedication.

The Presbytery of Monmouth was largely represented, and were hearty in their congratulations over the accomplished work.

Early in the history of the church, a Sabbath School was

established in the Runyon school district by its members, which grew to such proportions as to be cramped in the school house, and by the hearty co-operation of the people in the neighborhood (one of whom, Mr. Isaac K. L. Hyers, gave the ground), a chapel was erected about two miles from Lakewood, which is called Hope Chapel. Besides the labour and material contributed by the people, fifteen hundred dollars were procured by the solicitation of the Pastor, and the chapel was completed free of debt, and is held for the present by the trustees of this church. It is one of the neatest and most commodious chapels in the bounds of the Presbytery. Sheds for horses and carriages were afterwards added by the liberality of Mr. S. D. Davis. The chapel is at present occupied as a preaching station in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Holmanville, and under the care of Rev. M. S. Rowland. The Sabbath School is still conducted mainly by members of this congregation.

During the past year, the chapel in which for so many years the church worshiped, was thoroughly renovated. All the rooms, for lecture, Sabbath School, and Pastor's study, are beautifully finished in Virginia pine wood, and a chimney added with fire-places for the lecture room and Pastor's study. The cost was more than a thousand dollars, a part of which was paid by the ladies from the money obtained at an entertainment given at the residence of Mr. S. D. Davis.

By the will of Miss Catharine A. Gates, a member of this

church, who died March 2, 1885, the church came in possession of two bonds of the Texas Central R. R., of one thousand dollars each, and three hundred and eighty-four dollars and seventy-six cents, which, by the terms of the will, constitutes a *fund* to be used by the session of the church in supporting the gospel ministry in this congregation. But should the church become self-supporting or should not need its aid, then the income is to be used to aid the poor of the congregation. The fund is to be called the "Selden Gates Fund," in memory of her honored father, who was a ruling elder in the First Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn, N. Y.

The church from its beginning has been trained "not to look only at its own things, but also on the things of others." In all its straits and poverty, it has not failed to bear on its heart the cause of missions at home and abroad, and has illustrated the truth of the promise,—He that watereth shall be watered also himself."

Mrs. Mary B. Foster Nassau was married in this church and went forth with its blessing to the "Dark Continent," where she was so soon translated to Heaven. Rev. Arthur V. Bryan married Miss Mary M. Dashiell, a daughter of the Pastor, October 11, 1882, and they are stationed now at Hiroshima, in Japan.

At the Reunion of the Presbyterian Church in 1870, this church was transferred by the Synod of New Jersey from the

Presbytery of Newark to the Presbytery of Monmouth, under whose care it now is.

The present Pastor, Rev. A. H. Dashiell, served the church as stated supply up to this time, but at the first meeting of the new Presbytery, held in Lakewood, a call was presented by the congregation to Presbytery, April 12, 1871, for the settlement of Mr. Dashiell as Pastor at an annual salary of one thousand dollars. The call was placed in his hands and accepted by him, and he was duly installed. Rev. J. G. Symmes, D.D., Moderator of Presbytery, presided and proposed the constitutional questions. The sermon was preached by Rev. A. H. Dashiell, D.D., of the Presbytery of Brooklyn, from II Tim., 4:1-2—"I charge thee before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and death at His appearing and Kingdom. Preach the word." Rev. A. P. Cobb, of the Tennant Church, made the installing prayer. Rev. Thaddeus Wilson, of Shrewsbury, gave the charge to the Pastor, and Rev. Frank Chandler, of Freehold, the charge to the people.

This is the first and only Pastor which the church has had and who now completes (1888) his twenty-first year of service. At which time the Pastor addressed to the congregation the following letter:

LAKEWOOD, N. J., MARCH 28, 1888.

To the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church, Lakewood:

DEAR BRETHREN AND FRIENDS—After a ministry of forty-one years of continuous labour, twenty-one of which has been

passed in building up this church from the foundation, I find that my natural strength is much abated, and I feel myself unequal to the active labors which are needed, and which you may justly require in the present condition of the community.

In the good Providence of God, an opportunity has been opened to me for foreign travel, which I shall embrace in the hope of rest and recuperation, so that I may yet be able to be of some use to the Church of Christ. This will necessitate a protracted absence.

I have, therefore, concluded to ask the Presbytery for leave to resign my pastoral charge. I would also request that you would at your annual meeting of the congregation appoint commissioners to appear before Presbytery and signify your concurrence in my resignation.

In sundering this tie, which has bound me to you during this long period, I need not say that it has cost me pain. Those who have struggled together through poverty and difficulties are held together by strong bonds. But I am comforted with the hope that my successor will bring greater vigor, and that the church which has been so long the object of my care, will be built up in its holy faith, and that my work will remain.

With fervent wishes for your happiness and prosperity,

I remain your affectionate Pastor,

ALFRED H. DASHIELL.

At a meeting of the congregation held on April 1, 1888, the letter of the Pastor was taken into consideration, and the following resolutions were adopted as expressing their mind:

We, the congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Lakewood, cannot permit the ties which have so long bound us to our Pastor, Rev. A. H. Dashiell, to be sundered without a further testimony of our attachment and respect, and would therefore put on record the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in consenting to a dissolution of the Pastoral

relation which has been in existence twenty-one years, *i. e.* during the lifetime of our organization, we do so *painfully yielding to his own request, so strongly expressed in his letter of resignation.*

Resolved, That reviewing the history of our church and remembering its times of weakness and trial, which have been many, we cannot but testify to the unceasing faithfulness with which the duties of his office have been discharged, giving God thanks for the ministry of a servant to whom loss was nothing, gain was nothing, if so be Christ was served.

Resolved, That we put on record our testimony as to his diligence as a student of God's word, his ability as a preacher, his zeal as a Christian leader, his activity in all Presbyterial work, and in especial his devotion to the cause of Presbyterial Home Missions; his worth as a citizen, his loveableness as a friend, his warmth of heart and ready sympathy, which gave him quick access always to the hearts of troubled mourning ones.

Resolved, That it is the earnest wish and prayer of this congregation, that time may give to our Pastor complete restoration of health and strength so that the Master's cause which he has so long and faithfully served may receive yet from him many years of successful labor.

The Presbytery of Monmouth at its meeting in Jamesburg, April 10th, granted leave to the Pastor to resign his charge, and adopted the following minute:

"Action of the Presbytery of Monmouth, at Jamesburg, N. J., April 11, 1888, in regard to the request of Rev. A. H. Dashiell that his pastoral relation to the church of Lakewood be dissolved.

The Presbytery, while granting the request of the Rev. A. H. Dashiell for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between him and the church of Lakewood on account of his impaired health, would express their regret for the cause which constrained him to proffer such a request; as well as the hope that in the

good Providence of God his health and strength may be entirely restored, and that he may yet be granted many years of labor in that cause, which is so dear to him, and to which his life has been consecrated.

It desires also to put on record an expression of its sense of the rare fidelity with which he has discharged the duties of the ministry during the seventeen years in which he has been a member of this body. As a Pastor, as a Presbyter, as Chairman of the Committee of Church Extension, and as a brother beloved in the Lord, manifesting the utmost kindness and sympathy at all times in his intercourse with all the brethren.

The Presbytery would hereby assure him that it will follow him with its prayers and well wishes, that the blessing of God rest upon him and his family wherever he may go, and as long as his life may be spared.

Attest: BENJ. S. EVERETT, Stated Clerk.

The session as originally constituted consisted of—

Ruling Elders—Samuel H. Turner, died January 30, 1888.
Nathan C. Whiting, removed and died in New Haven.
Frederic H. Jones, removed to Wisconsin.

Since then there were added to the session:

Ruling Elders—Harvey Simons.
Selim F. Blackman.
Griffith H. Teller, (removed.)
Charles O. Gordon, M. D., died March 18, 1881.
Erastus Dickinson.
Eli Beard.

The present Board of Trustees is constituted as follows:

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The following are or have been members of the church. Those who have been dismissed are marked with the letter d, and those who have died, with an asterisk (*):

Elizabeth Ames,
Ann Brower, d
Rebecca E. Bunker, d
Mary E. Burdick, *
Carrie M. Bardwell, d
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Mary A. Brigham, *
Amelia I. Bantge,
Selim F. Blackman,
Lucia E. Blackman, *
Ella A. Blackman, d
Vorhees Brower, d
Ann Brower, d
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Ella C. Busling, d
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Clarence E. Boughton, d
Hariet W. Johnson,
Martha A. Johnson, d
Carrie M. Jones, d
Alice B. Ireson, *
George H. Johnson, d
Sherman Kelsey,
Mabel I. Kelsey,
Mark D. Knowlton, d
Abby E. Knowlton, d
Annie D. Knowlton, d
Grace E. Knowlton, d
Lucretia A. Keener,
Mary Louisa Keener,
Emma Langdon,
George Langdon,
Mary E. Langdon, d
Joseph W. Langdon, d
Charles H. Lambert, M. D., d
Mary Lovejoy, d
Squire Lee, d
Sarah Lee, d

Mary M. Boughton, d
Jane Broderick,
Mary Broderick,
Phoebe A. Bird, d
Eli Beard,
Emily Beard,
Mary A. Currie,
Abby W. Currier,
Henrietta F. Benton,
Philina Carr,
Fannie Church, d
John S. Calkins, d
Matilda C. Cale, d
Alice C. Crowell,
Margie L. Crowell,
Susan E. Dashiell,
W. Bond Dashiell, d
Erastus Dickinson,
Lois Dickinson,
Mary E. Dickinson,
Stewart DeHart, *
Catharine S. DeForest,
Charles W. Dundas, d
Hepzebah M. Dundas, d
Mary Dundas, d
Sarah Dundas, d
Alice A. Dickinson, *
Clara S. Dashiell,
Edward W. Davison, *
Susan A. Davison, d
Frederick E. Dickinson, d
Annie Ridgely Dashiell,
Mary M. Dashiell Bryan,
Lois A. Dickinson,
Mary A. Downs,
Merritt Leach,
Jane E. Leach, *
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Frank Libertina, d
Jennie Ida Leach,
Eben Mason, d
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Elisha S. Merriman, M. D., *
Elmyra H. Merriman,
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Minerva B. Maine, d
Frances E. Merriman Simons,
Louisa T. Mercein, *
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Mary Malville McClellan,
John Oliphant, d
Christina Oliphant, d
Lucretia W. O'Leary,
Catharine Augusta O'Leary,
Walter Cornelius O'Leary,
Catharine Patterson, d
Samuel Partridge, d
Sarah Partridge, d
Emma Partridge, d
Maria Parmelee,
Ellen S. Parmelee, d
Silas Pugsley,
Dwight B. Parmelee, d
Frances C. Perryman,
Sarah L. Robertson,
Margaret Rhome,
Agnes S. Robertson,

Mary C. Dashiell,
John Lefferts Mason Dashiell,
Kate De F. Dashiell,
Anna B. Dwight,
Elizabeth A. Emery, d
Sarah A. Maine Eaton, *
Edmund H. Elliot, d
Erastus H. Fosdick, d
Harriet A. Fosdick, d
Charles W. Fox, d
Isabella Fox, d
Alice B. Fox, d
Rosanna Francis, d
Nellie Freeman,
Asa Francis,
Elizabeth T. Farrington,
Esther A. Fowler,
Sherwood B. Ferris,
Augusta D. Ferris,
Elenoar A. Ferris,
Mary Dwight Ferris,
Anna Edwards Ferris,
Catharine A. Gates, *
Charles O. Gordon, M. D., *
E. Augusta Gordon,
Charles B. Gordon,
Leila Belle Gordon,
Emma E. Golding,
Caroline C. Holt, d
Harmon Hoft,
Caroline Hoft,
Martha Humphrey, d
Elouisa L. B. Howe, *
Hermon Hitchcock, *
Emeline Hinds, d
Mills K. Rice, d
Mary C. Rice, *
Benjamin R. Smith, *
Elizabeth B. Smith,
Harvey Simons,
Keturah Simons, *
Henry Simons,
Marian Simons,
Benjamin F. Sinclair, s
Hannah Sinclair, s
Starr B. Smith, d
Mary C. Smith, d
M. Emma Smith, d
Edmund C. Selden, d
Agnes Selden, d
George Stevenson, d
Margaret F. Stevenson, d
John Stevenson, d
Mary Stevenson, d
Charles O. H. Smith, d
Sarah Seaman, d
Clara V. Seaman, d
James M. Seaman, d
Lucretia C. Sibley, *
Cornelius J. Seaman, d
Hattie E. Smith,
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Joanna A. Turner,

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O. K. Humphrey, d
George L. Hovey, *
Olivia C. Hovey,
Anna B. Hall,
Isaiah V. Hall,
Caroline Huff, d
Henrietta Huff, d
Ellen I. Hall,
Charles A. Hall,
Lydia A. Huff Johnson, *
Caroline Huff, d
Elizabeth N. Huff, d
Susannah Huff, d
Mary Johntry, *
Frederic H. Jones, d
Maria R. Jones, d
Alida E. Johnson,
Franklin Ireson, *
Mary A. Ireson, *
Katie C. Ireson Lewis,
John N. Turner, d
Mary A. Townsend, *
Griffith H. Teller, d
Julia M. Teller, *
Mary S. Turner,
Minnie Teller, d
Everitt Townsend,
A. Eliza Todd,
Carrie W. VanNote,
Isaac A. VanHise,
Joseph H. VanHise,
Nathan C. Whiting, *
Mary S. Whiting, *
Prudence White, d
Mary Ann Wells, d
Anna M. Williams,
James Westhall, d
Jane M. Westhall, *
Charles A. Waldo, d
Deidama Waldo, *
Nancy Ward, *

Dismissed,	95
Died,	34
Numbers present,	80
Whole number received,	224

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